Overpayment of tiruppuvaram from Neyyattinkara taluk.

90. **MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a case called Tiruppuvaram case in the Neyyattinkara taluk;

(*b*) whether any money is due to Government from *matams*;

(*c*) whether any steps have been taken to realise the amount from such *matams*; and

(*d*) whether the Government sanctioned the statements submitted by the subordinates?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) It is reported that some money has been paid to the Athiyara and Koovakara *matams* in excess of what is actually due.

(*c*) The payment of some money due to the *matams* under land compensation from the office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer has been ordered to be withheld pending settlement of the exact amount overpaid. As soon as this is settled, further steps towards recovery of the sum overpaid will be taken.

(*d*) The recommendation of the Dewan Peishkar, Trivandrum, in the matter, was sanctioned by Government.

Filling up the vacancy of the Second Class Magistrate, Quilon.

91. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the period for which the Quilon 2nd Class Magistrate's place has been vacant;

(*b*) whether that vacancy has been filled up;

(*c*) if so, when; and

(*d*) the cause of the delay in filling up the vacancy?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*). Mr. S. Janardhana Aiyar, Stationary Second Class Magistrate, Quilon, was suddenly taken ill and he proceeded in the first instance on five days' casual leave from the 8th Kanni 1105/24th September 1929 handing over charge to the local Tahsildar and then applied for two months' privilege leave commuting the casual leave availed of by him. As the leave was about to expire by the time the application came up for formal sanction, the Tahsildar was allowed to continue in charge of the Magistrate's duties also during the period and no substitute was appointed. Mr. Janardhana Aiyar then applied for one month's extension and then for two months' further extension. As it was found that he was laid up and might not be able to return to duty soon, orders appointing a substitute were issued on the 11th January 1930/27th Dhanu 1105.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know on what date Mr. Janardhana Aiyar applied for two months' leave?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He took casual leave for five days from the 8th Kanni 1105. He sent his application to the District Magistrate on 13-2-1105.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know from the member where was that application delayed in its journey?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say where all it was delayed. It was sent by the Account Officer on 15-10-29.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I should like to have dates according to the Malabar Era. In the answer it is printed both in English and Malayalam dates.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): From the answer it is seen that 8th Kanni corresponds to 24th September. Later on the application gives only the English dates. I can say only from the application the dates as given there.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): The application was sent on the 13th Kanni 1105. May I know from the member when that application reached the Secretariat?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): 17-10-1929.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Sir, I want time for calculation. The dates given here are not uniform. In one case it is the English date and in another Malayalam date.

PRESIDENT: It is not so very difficult. 8th Kanni corresponds to 24th September and 13th Kanni must then correspond to 29th September. You may however take your own time for calculation.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): So, it was received in the Secretariat on 17-10-29.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): How many days did it take for the application to come up for formal sanction?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It came to Government on 17-10-29, for sanction; that is the date on which it was received from the Account Office.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know from the member on what date he applied for leave and up to what date?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Two months from 8th Kanni.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know the number of days the application was pending sanction after receipt in the Secretariat?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): What please?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): That is, his application for two months' leave.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It was not pending for many days. It was received there on 17-10-1929. The final order was passed in about ten days' time.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Then, may I know from the member whether it was not found necessary to appoint an acting hand?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Tahsildar was put in charge and it was not found necessary to disturb the arrangement then obtaining. To send a new Magistrate for a short period of three weeks was considered to be undesirable.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : May I know from the member after the leave was sanctioned, for how many days was he on leave according to that application ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Leave expired on 7th Vrischikam. It would have been about three weeks more.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Am I to take it that Government act in their own way whenever a necessity occurs ? Is it the idea of the Government that in the usual course of business it is not possible to appoint an acting officer such as a Magistrate ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have already said the circumstances under which a substitute was not appointed.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : That is why I ask that question.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No general question arises out of it.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Here an officer asks for two months' leave and the Government say that by the time the leave was sanctioned, the leave granted to him expires. Is that the way to dispose of the matter ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The application came late.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Is there no rule regarding sending of applications for leave ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There are rules. Suppose a man falls ill ; he may apply for leave suddenly.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Was the gentleman in question unable to apply for leave.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have already answered that question.

Copyists of the Revenue Department.

92. MR. TAMARAPALLIL KOCHUTOMMAN (*Pattanamtitta*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have issued an order in 1921 that the number of Revenue copyists in every taluk should be so restricted as to enable those appointed to get a remuneration of at least fifteen rupees a month ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that, in appointing such copyists in the several taluks, the officers empowered to do so have violated both the spirit and letter of this order ;

(*c*) if the answers to parts (*a*) and (*b*) are in the affirmative whether they propose to do anything to rectify matters, and, if so, what ;

(*d*) whether they received any memorials from copyists on this subject ;

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